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CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN—Theme of the morning sermon: "Memory and Anticipation." In the evening there will be a Christmas song service rendered by a choir under the leadership of Miss Katie Flavel.

GRACE EPISCOPAL—Preaching

services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12:30, at which time the Christmas music will be repeated. At 9 a. m. there will be services held in the Holy Innocents' chapel, in East Astoria.

PERSONAL MENTION

W. W. Whipple is in the city. James Quinn is here from Quinn. Henry Graham is here from Cosmopolis.

Lieutenant Weeks is in the city from Fort Stevens. Governor Geer was an Astoria visitor on Christmas day.

Mrs. C. C. Clark of Seaside spent yesterday in the city.

H. C. Ingalls was in from the Lewis and Clark yesterday.

C. S. Dow was in the city yesterday from Prospect Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Grant spent Christmas in the city.

A. C. Atton of Rainier is in the city, registered at the Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leinenweber were in the city Christmas day.

Mrs. Harry Wood of Warrenton was an Astoria visitor yesterday.

W. J. Copeland left yesterday for the east to be absent for a month.

Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar and wife were in the city Christmas day and yesterday.

Miss Nellie F. Bussey will return today to resume her school work on Sauvie's Island.

John Min's arrived in the city last night from Salem. He is registered at the Occident.

Hamie Planting is spending a few holidays here and on the west side. Mr. Planting resides at Eagle Cliff.

FIREMEN MEET DEATH IN FLAMES

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a number of factories in the immediate vicinity and to the nearby tenements.

Thomas Nennery, a watchman in the Arbuckle plant, was passing down the stairs, when he saw a ribbon of flame shoot out of a rubbish heap on the first floor. Almost before he could gasp

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the entire first floor was in a blaze. He jumped from a window, and before he had crossed the street the flames were shooting from the windows. Policeman Buckley sent in one, then two alarms. Before the firemen arrived the third and fourth floors had caught.

When Deputy Chief Murray arrived he sent in a third and fourth alarm, and when Chief Purry arrived, a half hour later, he ordered engines and fire boats from the Manhattan side of the river to help. With the arrival of water tower No. 6 battalion Chief Coppinger assumed charge of it and ran it directly under one of the walls.

Suddenly the wall was seen to bulge at the third story and before the men could move, it crashed directly down on them. The firemen and McCoolley, the citizen, were buried and the water tower ladders were smashed to kindling wood. Ten minutes later the first of the men were taken out. This was the battalion chief, unconscious and fatally hurt. McCoolley came next. McCarthy, who will die, it is thought, was found half under a wheel of the tower, also unconscious. The bodies of Jeffries and O'Toole were found near together.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DEAD.

Mistake in Drugs Causes Sudden Death of Both.

DENVER, Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. John Singer are lying dead at the morgue as the result, it is thought, of accidental poisoning. Mr. Singer became suddenly ill and his wife sent for a physician. Before one reached their home, Mr. Singer had expired and Mrs. Singer had been stricken with convulsions and pains. She died while the physician was trying to relieve her sufferings. She revived long enough, however, to say the single word "salts" in response to the doctor's questioning as to what she had taken. The doctor who was called believes the couple took oxalic acid, mistaking it for salts.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS ARE REMEMBERED

Generous Man in New York Makes Wholesale Gift Distribution.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—All of the 832 patients in Bellevue and the allied hospitals have received Christmas presents as the result of the generosity of a man whose name the hospital authorities promised not to make public.

According to Acting Superintendent Rockard, who has the hospital records almost by heart, this is the first time that all of its patients have had a share of the Christmas gifts since the hospital was founded, nearly 100 years ago.

JUSTICE TEMPLE DEAD.

Was An Old and Honored Resident of California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Associate Justice Jackson Temple, of the Supreme Court of California, is dead in this city. He was born in Massachusetts August 11, 1817. In 1852 he came to California. Besides serving with distinction as judge of the district and superior courts, he was three times elected to the supreme bench. Justice Temple had a beautiful home at Santa Rosa, where his widow and children now reside.

MISSOURI PREACHER'S LUCK.

Unites Five Couples in Wedding With One Ceremony.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Rev. N. D. Naylor performed a marriage ceremony last night by which five couples were united, says a special to the Chronicle from Armstrong, Mo. The brides and bridegrooms formed a circle around the minister and with clasped hands took the vows. They belonged to a matrimonial club and had agreed to be married at the same time and by the same minister.

TOMB OF MCKINLEY.

Guards from Kentucky Go To Relieve Present Detachment.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—Lieutenants Reice and Ingehart with 36 men of the Third United States Infantry, left Fort Thomas, Ky., today for Canton, O., where they will serve as a special guard around McKinley's tomb. They will relieve the detachment of the Fourteenth Infantry.

ENGLISH COAL FOR AMERICA.

Four Steamers to Load at Newcastle for New York and Boston.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The American demand for English coal is again in evidence, cables the Tribune's London correspondent. "Four large steamers, carrying among them 17,000 tons, have this week been fixed on the Newcastle market for New York and Boston."

EPIDEMIC RAGES.

Smallpox is Taking Possession of Montana Town.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 26.—A special to the Miner from Salmon, Idaho, says a smallpox epidemic is raging there and that two deaths from the disease have already occurred. About 30 cases are reported.

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YEPINGTON, Nev., Oct. 27, 1902.
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Very truly yours,
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PERRIN'S PILE SPECIFIC

STRUCK HIS OWN DEATH BLOW.

Blood Poisoning Resulted From Striking Opponent's Mouth.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Anton Anderson is dead in a hospital here as the result of a fight in the course of which he struck his opponent in the mouth. Anderson's knuckles were cut by the blow against the teeth and the next day his hand puffed up and a surgeon whom he consulted informed him he was suffering from blood poisoning and that amputation of the hand would be necessary. Anderson would not permit the operation to be performed; the poison spread to his arm and to his body. Eventually the hand was taken off, but too late to save the patient's life.

ROYALTY SEEKS AMERICA.

Crown Princess of Saxony Will Leave Her Unhappy Home.

VIENNA, Dec. 26.—It is reported on good authority that Arch Duke Ferdinand and the crown princess of Saxony and companions propose going to the United States, there being little probability of finding congenial homes in Europe.

GAS IN WYOMING.

Most Important Industrial Development Yet to Take Place.

DOUGLAS, Wyo., Dec. 26.—A discovery of natural gas 13 miles west of here is regarded as the most important event that has occurred in industrial development of central Wyoming.

AUTHORESS DEAD.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Mary Hartwell Catherwood, the well known authoress died tonight of cancer.

VANDERBILT RECOVERING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Cornelius Vanderbilt passed the best day since his serious illness. He has made a distinct gain since yesterday.

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